

CHAPTER 6

OCONUS PESTICIDE APPLICATOR TRAINING

A. PURPOSE

To provide training for DoD pesticide applicators operating in OCONUS locations as required to meet FIFRA (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq., **reference** (c)), OEBGD, FGS, SOFA, and host-nation laws.

B. BACKGROUND

1. **FIFRA Pesticide Applicator Training (Reference (c))**. When an overseas installation is under the jurisdiction of the EPA and FIFRA (**reference** (c)) (for example, Guam and Puerto Rico) training and certification requirements are the same as for CONUS. FIFRA (**reference** (c)) certification and recertification courses conducted OCONUS shall be **conducted**, in accordance with DoD 4150.7-P (**reference** (b)).

2. **Non-FIFRA**. In overseas areas **not** under the jurisdiction of FIFRA (**reference** (c)), training shall be conducted, in accordance with the “DoD Non-FIFRA Pesticide Applicator Training and Certification Program,” Appendix D, below, host-nation FGS and OEBGD (DoD 4150.7, **reference** (a)). The senior PMC for each Military Service in the Non-FIFRA area is responsible for determining training requirements and for coordinating certification training with the applicable training center. Non-FIFRA training procedures for initial training and certification of pesticide applicators in Non-FIFRA areas are outlined in Appendix D, below.

C. PROCEDURES

1. **Non-FIFRA Certification** training is approved by the designated area PMC using a curriculum developed by the applicable training center for overseas installations not under FIFRA (7 U.S.C. 136 et seq., **reference** (c)) jurisdiction. Training materials should include regional conditions, native pest problems, and host-nation requirements. Non-FIFRA training and certification is addressed in Appendix D, below.

2. Host-Nation Non-FIFRA Pesticide Applicator Trainee Selection

a. The selection of foreign national pest management **personnel** who may meet training requirements and **function** efficiently and effectively in the framework of an installation pest management **Pro-is the first step in training**. Before investing training resources, the installation should determine that the candidate has the potential and willingness to complete the training **program and**, when applicable, achieve “pest control” category certification. For example, individuals unable to demonstrate the ability to comprehend label directions written in English, or persons with sensitivity or allergy to pesticides, other chemicals, or insect stings should not be selected. On request, the major command PMC may assist in the selection process.

b. For initial hire situations, it is recommended that trainees for pest control positions shall be employed on a conditional agreement so that if satisfactory progress in their training is not **achieved**, they may be removed from pest control functions without difficulty. Similarly, if a vacancy in the existing pest control force is **anticipated**, to maintain operational continuity, it is good practice to select a replacement trainee 6 to 12 months in advance.

c. **Non-DoD and Host-Nation Personnel Non-FIFRA Pesticide Applicator Training**

(1) Contract pest control personnel who **apply** pesticides on **OCONUS** installations or operational bases may attend formal training courses on a space available basis. Training centers and training locations are identified at subparagraph **E.3.a.(2)**, Appendix D, below.

(2) Training centers may require tuition reimbursement **from** contractor personnel trained. The certifying official may provide Contractor personnel with a certificate of training and DoD **Non-FIFRA** pesticide applicator certification on **successful** completion of **Non-FIFRA** core and category pesticide **applicator** training requirements.